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RESPONSE TO NOTICE REGARDING DRAWINGS

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Dear Sir:

REMARKS

In response to the Notice Regarding Drawings please consider the following remarks and reconsider the application.

In the Notice Regarding Drawings Figures 7A, 9, 10 13D 14, which are all photographs, were objected to as being of poor quality. The applicant respectfully disagrees with this objection. It is the applicant's position that photographs of Figures 7A, 9, 10 13D 14, are of a quality that is routinely accepted by the Patent and Trademark Office. In support of the this position, the applicant would like to direct the Office of Patent Publications attention to granted US Pat. No. 6,103,953. Figures 7A, 9, 10 13D

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14, of US Pat. No. 6,103,953 are in fact identical to Figures 7A, 9, 10 13D 14, of the instant application. Thus, the applicant can find no reasonable reason for the Office of Patent Publications to not accept Figures 7A, 9, 10 13D 14, of the instant application.

Conclusion

In light of the above remarks, it is requested that the objection with respect to the drawings be reconsidered and withdraw. Early and favorable action in the case is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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